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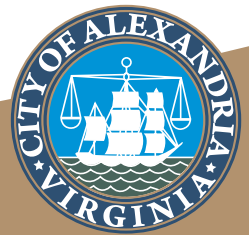
Fall NATIVE PLANT SALE

VARIETIES AVAILABLE:

- WHITE OAK \$40
- SPICEBUSH \$30
- BLACK GUM \$30
- PERSIMMON \$30
- NEW JERSEY TEA \$30
- FLOWERING DOGWOOD \$30



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FALL 2018 NATIVE PLANT SALE

Beautify your yard and help grow Alexandria's tree canopy by purchasing and planting a high quality native tree or shrub. The following trees and shrubs will be available for purchase:

Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*): Flowering dogwood is Virginia's state tree and flower! Growing from 20 to 40 feet tall, this deciduous understory tree can be planted among other trees or as a specimen tree to showcase its graceful form. Showy, long-lasting white blossoms adorn the tree in spring and mature into brilliant red fruit. Fruit is valued by wildlife for its high fat and calcium content. Grows in dry to moist soil and does best in part shade.



Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*): This deciduous shrub produces leaves and stems with a rich, spicy aroma alongside clusters of fragrant yellow flowers. Growing between 6-12 ft. tall, the spicebush thrives in moist, acidic soil and partial shade. Its brilliant red fruit attracts several species of birds, and it is the primary host plant for the spicebush swallowtail butterfly. In autumn, its leaves will transition to a stunning yellow that liven up any landscape.

New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*): A stout and thickly rooted shrub, New Jersey Tea adapts well to dry conditions and only grows about 3ft tall. It prefers full sun to partial shade and medium to dry soil (sandy loams or rocky soils are ideal). New Jersey tea is difficult to transplant due to its woody roots, so additional care should be taken when determining where to plant. Its delicate white flowers attract many native pollinators, including hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees.



White Oak (*Quercus alba*): Oaks are the backbone of eastern forests and a myriad of wildlife rely on this majestic tree genus for food and shelter. White oaks grow 75 to 100 feet tall, have a wide crown and horizontal branches. Acorns and burgundy foliage provide fall interest. This large shade tree prefers slightly acidic, moist to dry soils, and will grow in sunny or partly shaded locations.

Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*): Best known for its edible orange fruit, the persimmon is a beautiful, dark-barked tree that grows up to 70ft tall. Its branches are decorated with bell-shaped, yellow flowers and large, oval leaves. Persimmon does best in full sun and tolerates a variety of soils. Its fruit is popular amongst mammals and birds.



Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*): The attributes are many for this easy to grow, medium-sized shade tree. It grows 50 to 80 feet tall and handles full sun to part shade, wet clay soils, and occasional droughts. Spring blooms are a nectar source for bees. The dark blue edible fruit forms in autumn and is a great late-season food source for mammals and birds. Glossy green leaves turning a stunning scarlet in fall.

